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SUBJECT: FY 74 FMS CREDIT FOR TUNISIA

REF: (A) TUNIS 3539 (B) TUNIS 3213 (C) TUNIS 3588

1. WE SYMPATHIZE WITH GOT REQUEST REPORTED REFTEL (A) TO GET BACK ITS FY 74 FMS CREDIT, BUT REGRET THAT THOSE FUNDS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. WHILE GOT DECISION TO TURN DOWN FY 74 FMS CREDIT SURPRISED US, DEFENSE MINISTER'S EXPLANATION CONTAINED REFTEL (B) APPEARED TO BE DEFINITIVE AND FINAL. ACCORDINGLY, GOT'S FY 74 FMS DIRECT CREDIT OF $2.5 MILLION WAS IMMEDIATELY REALLOCATED. SUCH QUICK ACTION WAS NECESSITATED BY IMPENDING END OF FY AND NEED TO MEET REQUESTS FROM NUMBER OF COUNTRIES FOR FMS CREDITS TO
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HELP OFFSET CUTS IN THEIR MAP PROGRAMS CAUSED BY WORLDWIDE

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SHORTFALL IN FY 74 MAP PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO RESTORE FY 74 FMS CREDIT ALLOCATION TO TUNISIA.

2. FYI: ONLY RAY OF HOPE WE CAN HOLD OUT IS POSSIBILITY THAT ANOTHER RECIPIENT OF FY 74 FMS CREDIT MAY TURN DOWN CREDIT. SINCE THIS IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU AVOID MENTION OF SUCH POSSIBILITY TO GOT. FURTHERMORE, SINCE $1.7 MILLION OF TUNISIA'S $2.5 MILLION CREDIT WAS REALLOCATED TO ETHIOPIA, WE COULD NOT REASSIGN THE FULL $2.5 MILLION TO TUNISIA BECAUSE OF THE AFRICA CEILING OF $40 MILLION EVEN IF SOME FUNDS BECOME AVAILALBE BEFORE END OF FY 74. THE AFRICA CEILING, WHICH DERIVES FROM LEGISLATION AND CANNOT BE WAIVED, WOULD PERMIT US AT THIS TIME AND WITHOUT FURTHER FALLOUT FROM ANOTHER AFRICA PROGRAM TO EXTEND A MAXIMUM OF APPROXIMATELY $700,000 IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM VALUE TO GOT. END FYI. SISCO

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